

1 1. (currently amended) A method of providing continuing medical education credit to a first
2 physician for a consultation between the first physician and~~who has been engaged in a~~
3 ~~consultation with~~ a second physician, the consultation being conducted via through an
4 intermediary, the intermediary being connected by a telecommunications system to both
5 the first and second physicians, and
6 the method comprising the steps performed in the intermediary of:
7 receiving a comment made with regard to the consultation via the telecommunications
8 system from the second physician in the intermediary; and
9 providing the comment to a medical information specialist in the intermediary who is
10 neither the first nor the second physician, the medical information specialist providing ~~the any~~
11 continuing medical education credit resulting from the consultation represented by the comment
12 by recording the resulting continuing medical education credit ~~based at least on the comment~~ in a
13 database accessible from the intermediary.

1 2. (previously presented) The method of providing continuing medical education credit set forth
2 in claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the steps of:
3 retrieving instructional material relevant to the comment and the consultation from the
4 data base and
5 providing the instructional material to the first physician via the telecommunications
6 system,

7 the step of retrieving instructional material being performed by the medical information
8 specialist.

1 3. (currently amended) The method of providing continuing medical education credit set forth in
2 claim 2 wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

3 providing an examination based on at least the instructional material via the
4 telecommunications system;

5 receiving answers for the examination from the first physician via the
6 telecommunications system;

7 grading the received answers; ~~and,~~
8 the continuing medical education credit resulting from the consultation if the first physician
9 passes the examination, ~~providing the continuing medical education credit.~~

1 4. (currently amended) The method of providing continuing medical education credit set
2 forth in claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

3 providing an examination based on at least the comment to the first physician via the
4 telecommunications system;

5 receiving answers for the examination from the first physician via the
6 telecommunications system;

7 grading the received answers; ~~and~~
8 the continuing medical education credit resulting from the consultation if the first physician
9 passes the examination, ~~providing the continuing medical education credit.~~